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Founder of Peter's Drive-In dies at age 77

STROKE The founder of Peter's Drive-In, Gus Pieters, died Tuesday evening as a result of a stroke he suffered last week.

After emigrating from Holland with just two dimes in his pocket, Pieters saved enough money to start his business, which started out as an ice-cream parlour. The restaurant soon began selling burgers and has not changed its recipes since its inception.

It was sold to a younger couple in 2005 but Pieters kept in contact with the staff, some of whom had worked there for over 30 years.

Pieters was 77, and is survived by his wife and four children.

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Heather Skrapec, 16 and John Andersen, 22, hope messes like this one at a bus shelter near Chinook Centre will be a thing of the past with the prospect of a dramatic leap in fines for littering.

Litter fines soar

Flicking a lit smoke? You may pay up to \$1,000

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Cigarette butt flickers and coffee cup chuckers are going to have to dig deep if they want to maintain their "thoughtless" habit.

The city's protective services committee rejected administration recommendations to moderately increase the fine structure for littering, choosing instead to

hammer offenders with fines ranging from \$500 for simple littering to \$1,000 for hurling a lit cigarette butt out of a car window.

Ald. Brian Pincott supported the move as a "strong" means of discouraging the "thoughtless actions of people who are destroying the beauty of this city one piece of trash at a time."

Bylaw boss Bill Bruce said he expected the committee to take the fines one step further as he's heard "overwhelming public con-

cern" over the state of city streets.

"At the end of the day there has to be a line in the sand," he said.

Committee chair Bob Hawkesworth, who with Ald. Joe Ceci voted against the hikes, said he would have liked to see the new fine regime in action before "upping the ante."

"But people see Calgary as a clean city and we want to defend that reputation," he said.

The matter will go to city council July 28.

Just your usual hail, rain, storm, tornado?

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EXPERTS The much publicized "unusual" severe weather hammering Southern Alberta isn't that abnormal, according to experts.

For two weeks, Calgary and area has been peppered with rain, hail, thunderstorms and even funnel clouds and tornado sightings, but a University of Calgary meteorologist said it's not out of the ordinary.

"Is it unusual? Well, what is unusual and what's not? This is the season for severe weather in Alberta, it's that time of year so it's not unusual that it is happening," Dr. Manda Adams told Metro.

"There are more reports because the weather is closer to where people live."

Dan Kulack, spokesperson Environment Canada

Environment Canada spokesperson Dan Kulack agreed the weather isn't unusual in the sense of the time of year, but said the locations it is affecting is the major difference.

"There are more reports because the weather is closer to where people live. The storm (Tuesday night) was right off the highway so more people reported it," he said. "If it was 20 kilometres south not as many people would have noticed it."

Kulack said there are usually funnel clouds and severe weather around this time of year every year, but usually only they know about it.

"It's not something people would normally notice, but now it's closer to major centres like Calgary, Airdrie, Lethbridge and Medicine Hat."



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Local



Let the sun shine

At last report, the University of Calgary's Schulich 1 left the starting gate in 6th place yesterday morning after driver Tiffany Veltman put in a 302-mile day in the team's entry into the North American Solar Challenge. The race, which ends in Calgary on July 22, is down to 13 teams after two teams had been disqualified. **METRO CALGARY**



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City's Aboriginal homeless rate alarmingly high

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Calgary's rapid growth and stable economic situation is leaving its First Nations population in the dust at an "alarming" rate.

Just one in 33 Calgarians are from aboriginal ancestry, according to 2006 Statistics Canada figures, but nearly one in seven of the city's 4,060 homeless people are Native — a "disproportionately high" number, said Biennial Count of Homeless Persons in Calgary study coordinator Dr. Sharon Stroick. Stroick said the data collected May 14 provided only numbers and not reasoning behind why Native people are falling through the cracks in a strong Calgary economy more than any other ethnic group aside from Caucasians, who make up a sizable portion of the city's population.

housing needs

The waiting list length for Metis Urban Housing is two years.

While the numbers are "ridiculous," especially in light of Calgary's powerful economic might and resource base, Urban Aboriginal Initiative's Christy Morgan said discrimination and a lack of background research being done by migrant First Nations moving into the city are likely driving up the ranks of aboriginal homelessness.

"It's a scary realization when you move to a new city and are confronted with the harsh reality of how difficult it can be to get by in this city," she said, noting Calgary's Native population is "split in half" between those moving in off-reserve and those coming from other cities looking to cash in on its prosperity.

News in brief

MAY DRIVING CAMPAIGN City cops doled out more than 3,000 aggressive driving charges and issued hundreds of violations during a week long safe-driving campaign in May. Calgary police just released the numbers yesterday for the weeklong na-

tional Road Safety Week campaign May 12-19 in which they handed out 3,046 aggressive driving-related charges. They also handed out 147 seatbelt violations, 95 separate 24-hour suspensions and laid impaired driving charges. **METRO CALGARY**



Cole Stephens, 6, and brother Chase get an up close look at a full-size replica of Andrew Ranger's NASCAR car at the Victory Lap fundraiser yesterday at Northlands Wal-Mart.

Victory Lap rolls for the kids

ALICIA FOX
for Metro Calgary

The pit stops are at 96 Canadian Wal-Marts, and the race track extends from Quebec to Alberta.

Ten people from across Canada have joined forces to raise money for the Children's Miracle Network through the sixth annual Victory Lap program, including Andrew Ranger, with a replica of his car that took first place at the 2007

NASCAR Canadian Tire Series.

Dan McCann, one of the charity program representatives, said they've raised \$700,000 in the last five years and hope to break the \$1-million mark between donations and corporate sponsorship.

The race car-replica was parked at Northland Wal-Mart yesterday, and donations from Calgarians will go towards the Alberta Children's Hospital.

McCann, a marketing student at Queen's, said

he's "seen a lot of Wal-Marts" but that it's been a good summer job and he enjoys meeting the kids along the way.

He mentioned one little girl whom had been through 26 surgeries, and realized just how much the kids that the Miracle Network benefits have to go through.

The team will be at the Wetaskiwin Wal-Mart today, Country Hills Wal-Mart tomorrow, and Shawville Wal-Mart on Saturday before heading to Edmonton.

Chicago ray deaths not related: Zoo

HEATING MALFUNCTION There are no similarities between the city's 40 stingrays that were killed and the 16 stingrays that died in Chicago on Monday, according to the Calgary Zoo.

Zoo officials in Chicago say an apparent malfunction in the heating system was to blame for the loss of half of their stingrays.

"They had a system malfunction and the water got too hot. It's totally different," Calgary Zoo Laurie Herron told Metro.

Herron said the Zoo may never know what killed the rays in their popular exhibit.

"It's frustrating. There was always the possibility somebody may have put something in the water, but it may never be proven."

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Alberta at bottom of Suzuki ranking

ECONOMIC POLICY The David Suzuki Foundation has given Alberta the lowest ranking in a recent report on provincial economic policy and progress.

The report states Alberta's weak fight against climate change and no limit on the production of greenhouse gases until at least 2020.

British Columbia was ranked the highest in the report, while Saskatchewan was near the bottom with Alberta. **METRO CALGARY**



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Former city cop charged

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CHILD PORN A former city police officer has been charged with possession of child pornography — just a year after retiring with 25 years on the force.

Former constable 54-year-old Steve Huggett retired in early 2007 and in January this year was arrested and finally charged in April with the child porn charges.

Calgary police Insp. Guy Slater told Metro although the charges stem from when Huggett was already retired, it's not something a police force wants to see.

"Obviously, it's disappointing any time a police officer, serving or retired, faces any type of criminal charges," Slater said.

"These things happen from time to time, but when they do, it's very disheartening."

The offences are alleged to have stemmed from August 2007 until January this year when he was arrested.

The charges were laid after an investigation from the Southern Alberta Integrated Child Exploitation Team (ICE) found pictures of children on a home computer and on some discs.

Huggett hasn't entered a plea yet but is scheduled to appear in court again on July 30.

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Police Insp. Guy Slater

Reaching youths key to fighting gang crime: Cops

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Gang members often only have three ways out of gang life: go to jail, get killed or escape.

Thanks to a Calgary police initiative started two years ago, more are choosing the escape route.

The Calgary police Get-A-Life anti-gang initiative was launched in 2006 and since its inception it has created a larger awareness of an important issue, organized crime Staff Sgt.

by the numbers

- 12 years old: The age gangs recruit young members
- 20 years old: Average age gang members are killed
- 20 per cent: Percentage of Calgary homicides that are gang related
- \$1 million: Amount of

drugs and money seized annually from gangs

● 28,876: Hits on the www.getalife.ca website last year

● 1,300: Number of students submitting entries for the anti-gang poster contest

Martin Schiavetta said.

"Gang activity isn't only a policing issue, it's a community issue. This initiative has created a public awareness that has resulted in more people calling in and that's what we

wanted," he told Metro.

According to the CPS 2007 Report to the Community, 400 calls came into the anti-gang line number last year, some resulting in drug busts and charges.

"We have had calls from

actual gang members looking to get out, because obviously, gang life is dangerous and that's why most gang members wear bullet-proof vests," he added.

Another big component of the initiative, says Schiavetta, is educating youth early on before they join gangs.

Schiavetta said that by targeting youths before they join gangs, the hope is gang-related incidents will decrease proportionally with the reduced number of members.

For more information or to report gang activity police visit www.getalife.ca or call the tip line at 206-8191.

Child care guarantee for U of C workers

PARTNERSHIP Parents working at the University of Calgary can take a collective sigh of relief.

Partnering with Kids & Company, a business fairly new to Calgary, all 4,700 staff members at the University of Calgary can reserve a guaranteed spot for child care with six months notice. Long waiting lists have been problematic, according to Gail Stephens, vice-president of finance and services at the school.

"We're very anxious to attract and retain great employees and this is one more benefit we can offer," she said.

Other services include elder care, meals-to-go, nanny finder services, and back-up care in the event that a caregiver is unavailable.

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Film fears future of city's water

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It's not a dry topic.

Stonewater, a 22-minute docudrama being shot in and around Calgary this week that will be shopped around at film festivals with hopes of turning it into a possible television series, traces the philosophical tensions between environmental fence-sitter Dexter and his corporate lawyer girlfriend Matti as Calgary water supplies are cut off.

With all commercial stocks used up, Dexter and Matti are forced to go to his ex-girlfriend's ranch in hopes of tapping into a source of water and Dexter is faced with deciding how he wants to live his future life.

While the subject matter almost demands a pretentious, preachy treatment, director Jaro Malanowski, who grew up paddling Al-



Actor Amber Bissinnette plays the role of Jenn in the movie Stonewater, a locally shot movie depicting what would happen if the city ran out of water.

berta's rivers, said he hopes to mitigate that potential by speaking to their intended "smart, younger audience" in a simple manner "without pointing fingers."

"We want to allow them to think about what's go-

ing on without telling them what or how to think about it," he said.

Southern Alberta Land Trust Society executive director Alan Gardner, one of the film's primary financial backers, said severe threats

to Alberta's watershed, primarily through overly extensive residential development, make it a timely and pertinent project.

"The strength of our entire economy can essentially be traced back to water," he said.

"We're very anxious to attract and retain great employees and this is one more benefit we can offer."

Gail Stephens

News in brief

SUSPECT SOUGHT Calgary police are on the hunt for a man they say was responsible for a noon-hour bank robbery in the city's south west yesterday. The note-brandishing man, between 30 and 40 years old, approached the counter of the Royal Bank on the 3900 block of Richmond Rd. around 12:30 p.m. indicating it was a robbery before fleeing the scene with an undisclosed amount of cash. The Caucasian suspect was wearing jeans, a long-sleeved shirt, ball cap and sunglasses. Anyone with information is asked to call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS.

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More than 300 people crowded inside a chapel at CFB Gagetown in New Brunswick yesterday to pay their respects to Pte. Colin Wilmot, 24, a medic who died from his injuries on July 5 after an explosive device detonated while he was on patrol in Afghanistan's Panjwaii district. SOURCE: CBC NEWS ONLINE

Canada



Hawking not moving to Canada

The University of Cambridge has denied reports its most famous physicist might be coming to Canada to work, saying yesterday Stephen Hawking "has no plans" to leave. Cambridge's statement called a report in the U.K.'s Daily Telegraph "unfounded speculation." Neil Turok at Waterloo, Ont.'s Perimeter Institute has extended an open invitation to the theorist, and current talks surround a possible Hawking visit later this year. SOURCE: CBC NEWS ONLINE

News in brief

TERROR TRIAL Zeba Khan, former fiancée of accused terrorist Momin Khawaja, is scheduled to appear by video link-up from Dubai as a witness for the Crown next week. She is expected to expand on the e-mails the two traded over a six-month period when she lived in Pakistan. Khawaja, who was born and raised in an Ottawa suburb, had visited her twice in Pakistan in 2003.

HEALTH In the wake of a controversy involving inaccurate pathology test results — the most prominent being lab errors in Newfoundland and Labrador, which likely led to incorrect treatments for almost 400 breast cancer patients between 1997 and 2005 — the Canadian Association of Pathologists released new guidelines yesterday that call for test results to be verified by an external, independent lab, CBC News Online reports.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Premiers far apart

Leaders split on question of how to battle climate change

Despite talk of working together, the annual premiers' conference opened with rival camps in the climate change debate digging in their heels.

Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty wants a national initiative to build a cleaner, greener car while putting a price on emissions through a "cap and trade" system.

Alberta Premier Ed Stelmach warns against such new energy taxes and wants to reduce greenhouse gases by capturing carbon and storing it like nuclear waste.

As Canada's premiers began three days of meetings yesterday, there were hopes they could focus on what unites them — hopes that



Canada's provincial and territorial premiers pose with Samuel de Champlain on the Belem boat yesterday during the Council of the Federation in Quebec City.

were quickly dashed by differences that seem as intractable as ever.

Saskatchewan's Brad Wall urged the other premiers to resist attempts to

tap into their oil wealth to combat global warming, saying, "maybe it's time for a bit of man-on-the-moon type of language from all the leaders in Canada

Aboriginal affairs

Leaders from several of the country's main native groups met with the premiers and territorial leaders on the opening day of the Council of the Federation's annual gathering, and both sides agreed to press for a federal-provincial meeting to resuscitate key elements of the failed Kelowna accord on alleviating aboriginal poverty, as well as to discuss the poverty crisis affecting aboriginal communities across Canada.

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Dallaire joins Khadr debate

DETAINED Liberal Senator Roméo Dallaire yesterday challenged Prime Minister Stephen Harper's stance on the fate of Guantanamo detainee Omar Khadr, calling the Guantanamo trial an abuse of law, adding that Canada's influence internationally diminish if government support for the prosecution continues.

Harper declined an interview request.

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Tory MPs say probe is just a 'PR stunt'

OTTAWA A Commons' probe into Tory election financing yesterday erupted in shouting and accusations that the probe, according to Tory MPs, is nothing more than a "Liberal PR stunt."

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Attempt at skydiving record delayed again

After an aborted attempt at the end of May, French skydiver Michel Fournier has postponed his attempt at setting a world record for the highest jump until next May. Fournier plans to attempt the jump in the skies above North Battleford, Sask. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Mad cow test funds could be cut

FOOD The Canadian Food Inspection Agency is considering whether to stop paying farmers to identify cattle suspected of having mad cow disease, an official with the CFIA said yesterday.

Freeman Libby said the proposal was part of a package designed to focus resources on other programs at the federal food safety agency, but denied it would undermine efforts to combat bovine spongiform encephalopathy.

Canada's first home-grown case of mad cow disease was discovered in 2003, forcing the CFIA to rapidly increase the number of BSE tests it carries out. One method is a reimbursement program that pays farmers \$75 to point out suspect animals.

"We're looking at trying to find better ways to do this, rather than having the reimbursement program. Again, that decision has not been made ... we would have no idea when that would take place," Libby told Reuters in a phone interview.

REUTERS

No-show Rosie has fan in tears

Group waits several hours to see comic

LINDSAY JONES
Metro Canada

Rosie O'Donnell's biggest fans came and they waited. And they waited. And waited.

But still the outspoken star didn't walk down the gangplank of the Norwegian Dawn to greet about half a dozen Halifax fans who waited more than seven hours to see her yesterday.

"I'm just disappointed," said Jennifer Campbell, while brushing tears from her eyes. "And now I'm late for work."

O'Donnell, her partner and four children, as well as more than 2,000 other passengers on board the cruise ship, dropped anchor at Pier 21 yesterday.

The seven-day luxury voyage of Eastern Canada and New England caters to gay and lesbian families and is organized by O'Donnell's partner Kelli.

Kim Basque of Dartmouth brought her mother and three children to try to meet O'Donnell. She met



Amazing Race participants Kynt and Vyxsin arrive in Halifax on the Norwegian Dawn yesterday. The pair say O'Donnell invited them to come aboard.

O'Donnell on the talk show host's first cruise ship visit to Halifax in 2005.

While the fans didn't get exactly what they came for, some were excited to meet a few other celebrities aboard the ship.

Heather Matarazzo, who appeared in the movie The Princess Diaries, was spotted, as were Amazing Race participants Kynt and Vyxsin, who say they received a special invite from O'Donnell.

News in brief

ANIMAL CRUELTY A beloved family pet was found brutally mutilated in an Edmonton field Monday morning. A couple on a walk in the University area came upon the gutted cat. After calling police, investigators combed the area for clues and eyewitnesses. A pair of youths who pleaded guilty to throwing a family cat in a microwave last Christmas meanwhile, will learn their fate in Provincial Court today.

TORNADO WATCH A thunderous storm in the Edmonton region yesterday was strong enough to produce funnel clouds, said Environment Canada, as some noticed unusual clouds across the city. Environment Canada, meanwhile, issued a tornado watch for the Edmonton region that includes Spruce Grove after funnel clouds were reported west of the city.

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Over 200 bishops boycott Anglican conference
A quarter of the world's Anglican bishops yesterday boycotted a once-in-a-decade gathering of church leaders in a fight over gay clergy. Church officials said that 230 of the 880 bishops were staying away from the conference being staged in the English cathedral city of Canterbury. REUTERS

World



Mugabe places blame on Brits

Zimbabwean President Robert Mugabe, left, accused Britain yesterday of trying to seize control of resources in the devastated African nation, as his government announced inflation had risen to 2.2 million per cent. Re-elected last month in a widely condemned vote boycotted by the opposition, Mugabe regularly blames his country's economic collapse on former colonial ruler Britain and accuses it of plotting to overthrow his government.

Contrasting emotions

Hezbollah celebrate prisoners' return, Israel mourns

Hezbollah leader Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah, in a rare public appearance, welcomed five Lebanese freed from captivity in Israel yesterday after his guerrilla group returned the bodies of two captured Israeli soldiers.

Nasrallah, who moves in secret for security reasons, emerged briefly to embrace the ex-prisoners at a rally in Beirut and declared the exchange a victory for Hezbollah and Lebanon.

"This people, this nation and this country, which gave a clear image today, cannot be defeated," he told the crowd before leaving to deliver a speech by video link from a safe location.

A grim mood prevailed in Israel, where the prisoner swap was widely seen as a painful necessity two years after the capture of the two Israeli army reservists sparked a 34-day war in which about 1,200 people in Lebanon and 159 Israelis were killed.

Among the released captives was Samir Qantar,



Released Lebanese prisoner Hussein Suleiman hugs his mother upon his arrival at Beirut airport during a ceremony to celebrate his return from Israel yesterday. Five Lebanese freed from captivity in Israel were flown to a heroes' welcome in Beirut yesterday.

who had been Israel's longest-serving Lebanese prisoner and whom Israelis revile for his part in a 1979 Palestinian guerrilla attack.

The International Committee of the Red Cross

brought the men to the border town of Naqoura. Wearing military fatigues, they marched down a red carpet flanked by a Hezbollah honour guard.

Two Lebanese army heli-

copters then flew them to Beirut, where President Michel Suleiman, Prime Minister Fouad Siniora and Parliament Speaker Nabih Berri kissed them at the airport. REUTERS

Iran won't halt nuke program

Iran signalled yesterday it did not plan to make major concessions on its nuclear program at talks this week to be attended by world powers including the United States.

standoff

The standoff over Iran's nuclear drive has sparked speculation about a military confrontation with the United States or Israel and helped push oil prices to record highs. U.S. leaders have not ruled out military options if diplomacy fails to resolve the dispute. Israel, long assumed to have its own atomic arsenal, has vowed to prevent Iran from becoming a nuclear-armed power, and staged an air force exercise in June that stoked speculation about a possible assault on Iranian nuclear sites.

Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei said Iran was ready to negotiate but showed no sign of backing down on the issue at the centre of the dispute — Iran's refusal to halt atomic activities.

The United States will send a senior envoy, Under Secretary of State William Burns, to Geneva to discuss Tehran's response to an offer of incentives in exchange for suspending uranium enrichment, which the West believes is aimed at making nuclear bombs. The Bush administration said sending Burns was intended to send a signal to Tehran and others that it wants to find a diplomatic solution to the impasse.

But Washington said it would not join full-blown negotiations unless Iran halts its uranium enrichment program.

"Nothing has changed," White House spokeswoman Dana Perino said in Washington. "If they don't accept this offer, one, there will not be negotiations

and two, there will be additional sanctions," she said.

Burns will join European Union foreign policy chief Javier Solana and envoys from China, Russia, France, Britain and Germany in Saturday's discussions with Iranian nuclear negotiator Saeed Jalili.

The U.S. government had previously said it would not take part in pre-negotiations with Iran unless it halted enrichment, a demand which Iranian officials have described as a "red line" for Tehran.

Iran has given no indication it will accept such a freeze. REUTERS

News in brief

REBELS Colombia misused the symbol of the Red Cross in this month's military rescue of politician Ingrid Betancourt and 14 other rebel-held hostages, it said yesterday, admitting a possible violation of the rules of war.

AIRLINES Algae and nuts are among the alternative sources of fuel being considered by an increasingly skittish aviation industry as an alternative to petroleum, whose price rises threaten airlines with bankruptcy. With oil prices poised to break through the \$150 US a barrel barrier, biofuels based on sources of energy like these no longer seem far-fetched.

SECURITY Iraq hopes to have security control of all its provinces by the year-end, the national security adviser said yesterday, underscoring the government's growing confidence in its own forces. In a sign of the challenges ahead, a car bomb killed 15 people and wounded 90 at a market in the northern town of Tal Afar, the town's mayor said. REUTERS

Malaysia opposition figure on bail for sodomy charges

CUSTODY Malaysian opposition figure Anwar Ibrahim has been freed on police bail, his lawyers said earlier today, but they added he could still be charged for sodomy later.

"Anwar has left the building at 9.45 a.m.," R. Sivarasa told reporters outside the police headquarters. "He was driven off in his wife's car through the back exit."

As a condition of the bail, Anwar has to report to police on Aug. 18 unless the authorities decide otherwise.

A senior police official confirmed Anwar had received police bail.

"There is no intention to remand him further," said the official who declined to be identified. "Statements were taken and we will have to decide on next course of action."

The former deputy pre-

"Politics in Malaysia is getting pretty dirty, and that obviously will have a negative impact on foreign investment."

Unnamed investment broker

mier was arrested yesterday on a sodomy complaint lodged by a former aide and had spent the night in police custody after the authorities remanded him to help in investigations.

Sodomy, even between consenting adults, is a crime punishable by up to 20 years in prison in mainly Muslim Malaysia.

A handful or so of Anwar supporters had gathered outside the police head-

quarters in the city where he was held despite calls by the party for a strong show of support on Thursday morning. There was minimal police presence.

The Anwar saga has frightened foreign investors who are worried it could trigger a sudden change of government and policy.

"Politics in Malaysia is getting pretty dirty, and that obviously will have a negative impact on foreign investment," said the research head of a local brokerage who declined to be named.

Anwar, a former deputy premier who is having eyeing the country's leadership position after being sacked a decade ago, has said the sodomy allegation was a political ploy aimed at destroying the opposition. REUTERS

Beijing Performing with crocs



A performer places her head in the jaws of a crocodile during a show at Beijing's World Park yesterday. The park is hoping they will enjoy a large influx of visitors when the estimated 500,000 foreign tourists arrive during the Olympic Games in August.

U.S. ordered to stop executions

The World Court ordered the United States yesterday to do all it could to halt the imminent executions of five Mexicans until the court makes a final judgment in a dispute over suspects' rights.

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Obama leads in the polls

Democrat Barack Obama has a seven-point lead on Republican John McCain in the U.S. presidential race, and holds a small edge on the crucial question of who would best manage the economy, according to a Reuters/Zogby poll released yesterday.

More than a month after kicking off the general election campaign, Obama leads McCain by 47 per cent to 40 per cent. That is

slightly better than his five-point cushion in mid-June, shortly after he clinched the Democratic nomination fight against New York Sen. Hillary Clinton.

But Obama's 22-point advantage in June among independents, a critical voting bloc that could swing either way in the November election, shrunk to three points during a month in which the candidates battled on the economy and Obama was ac-



Sen. Barack Obama

Cain on who would be best at managing the economy, virtually unchanged from last month. Among independents, the two were tied

of shifting to the centre on several issues.

Obama had a 44 per cent to 40 per cent edge nationally over McCain on who would be best at managing the economy, virtually unchanged from last month. Among independents, the two were tied

on the economy.

"There has been a real tightening up among independents, and that has to be worrisome for Obama," pollster John Zogby said. "It doesn't seem like Obama is coming across on the economy."

The economy was ranked as the top issue by nearly half of all likely voters, 47 per cent. The Iraq war, in second place, trailed well behind at 12 per cent.

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News in brief

TSAR Russia said yesterday that charred remains found in a pit belonged to Tsar Nicholas II's only son and his daughter, exactly 90 years after the Bolsheviks shocked the world by murdering the last Tsar.

AIDS A gene variant that emerged thousands of years ago to protect Africans from malaria may raise their vulnerability to HIV infection but help them live longer once infected, researchers said yesterday. The findings could help explain why AIDS has hit Africa harder than all other parts of the world.

REUTERS

Saudi King makes call for religious reconciliation

CONFERENCE Saudi Arabia's King Abdullah called on followers of the world's major faiths to turn away from extremism and seek reconciliation as he opened an unprecedented interfaith conference in Madrid yesterday.

The Saudi-sponsored gathering aims to draw Muslims, Jews and Christians closer together and isolate those who use religion to justify violence or intolerance.

It was the first time Saudi Arabia, where non-Muslims cannot practise their faith openly, had invited Jews to such a meeting.

The king also invited Buddhists, Hindus and Sikhs as he showcased a more tolerant side to Saudi Arabia's strict Wahhabi Islam, under fire since 15 Saudis were among the 19 Arabs who carried out the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks in New York.

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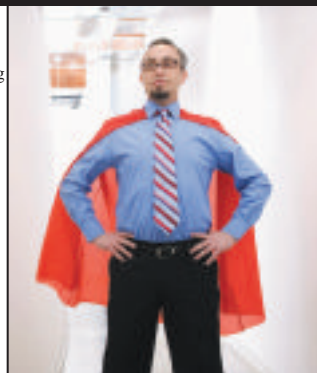
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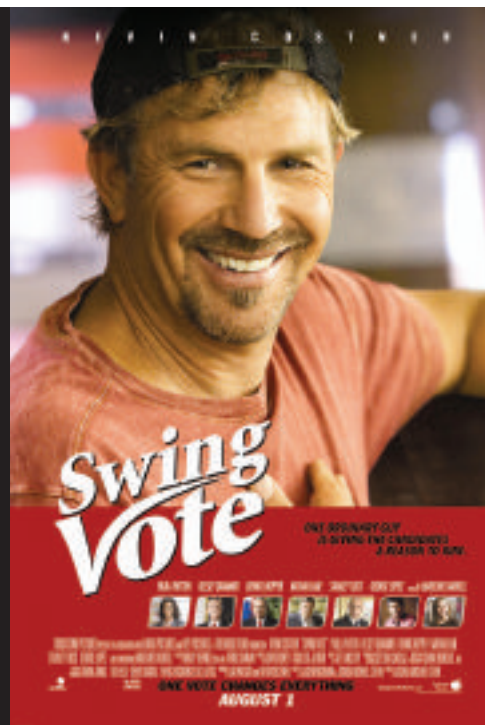
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per cent since last year. But it also found "low-paying sectors" such as repair and maintenance has risen less than 1 per cent. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

PIPELINE TransCanada Corp and partner ConocoPhillips said yesterday they will spend

\$7 billion to expand the Keystone pipeline system to take an additional 500,000 barrels of oilsands crude per day to the refineries on the U.S. Gulf Coast. TransCanada said customers committed to ship 300,000 barrels per day for an 18-year term. **REUTERS**

HBC sold to new U.S. chain owner

Deal could bring new stores to Canada

Hudson's Bay Co., whose name is synonymous with Canada's frontier past, was bought yesterday by the U.S.-based private equity fund that owns the Lord & Taylor department store chain, one of the oldest names in U.S. retailing.

NRDC Equity Partners said it would invest \$500 million in new equity into the combined company, which also owns specialty U.S. retailer Fortunoff and Creative Design Studios.

Richard Baker, who will head the new holding com-



"Part of the problem The Bay has is they have too many way oversized stores in great markets."

Richard Baker

pany called Hudson's Bay Trading Co., said Lord & Taylor could launch 10 to 15 stores in Canada to bridge the gap between The Bay and the more high-end Holt Renfrew.

Baker said the company could take "oversized" Bay locations, such as its store in downtown Toronto, and better utilize the space by putting in a Lord & Taylor or Fortunoff as well. "Part of the problem The Bay has is they have too many way oversized stores in great markets, and we have the answer, we're going to solve the problem," he said.

Zellers, the mass merchandise division, will see a greater focus on branded apparel, as well as a future rollout of new prototype stores. **REUTERS**

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Beach volleyball

Canadian beach volleyball players Annie Martin and Dana Cooke have failed to qualify for Beijing. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Beijing Games

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Millar making history

Dean of Canadian riders going to 9th Games

Ian Millar is practically giddy as he rhymes off the attributes of In Style, his No. 1 horse: Durability, wonderful, natural technique and a knack for rising to the occasion.

"This horse just automatically dials up to the right level," says Millar. "I only have to think, 'Let's go' and he's gone, bang."

The 61-year-old dean of Canadian riders — the man they call Captain Canada — could be describing himself.

If Millar is slowing down at all, he has a strange way of showing it. He keeps his lean 6-foot-2, 175-pound frame in remarkable shape — he credits an hour of stretching every morning — and he remains among the top show jumpers in the world.

He has eight Olympics under his belt, more than any Canadian athlete, and will equal the record of Austrian sailer Hubert Raudaschl with a ninth appearance at the Beijing Games. His strong performance at the Pan Am Games last summer helped the Canadian show jumping team earn an Olympic berth.

For all his accomplish-

"When you've got your hat off and you're saluting the flag and they're playing O Canada, that's the real deal right there."

Ian Millar

ments, which include back-to-back wins in the prestigious World Cup with the legendary Big Ben in the 1980s, Millar has yet to step on an Olympic podium. He believes In Style, which he plans to bring to Beijing along with backup Redefin, has the qualities to help change that.

"If he has his week, absolutely, he could be a gold medal winner, no question," says Millar, whose competitive embers burn brightly.

He can't imagine not doing this and sees himself striving for the Olympics beyond Beijing. He remembers hearing about a swimmer who retired because he got tired of immersing himself in "that cold vat of chemicals and swimming up and down the pool, up and down the pool."

"The competition aspect he still really loved; it was the idea of the conditioning process he wasn't liking so much anymore," says Millar.

"We're very fortunate with the horses ... You're working with their minds as much as with their bodies. It's a very

challenging, interesting process to go through."

Millar's leadership abilities were on display last year at the Nations' Cup when Canada held a slight lead after the first round. He looked at teammates Eric Lamaze, Erynn Ballard and Mario Deslauriers and made a simple request.

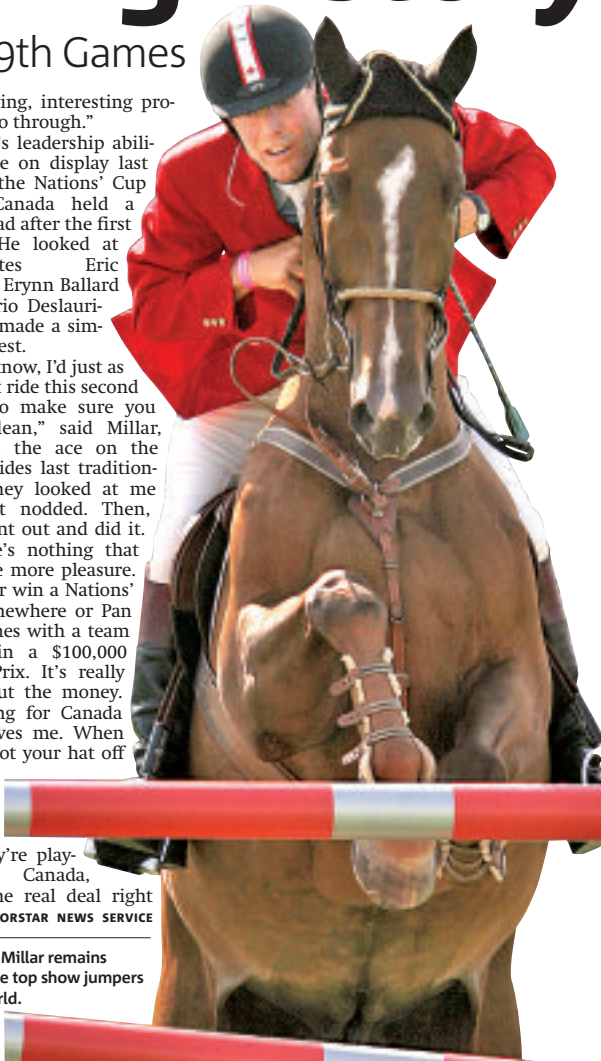
"You know, I'd just as soon not ride this second round so make sure you jump clean," said Millar, who, as the ace on the squad, rides last traditionally. "They looked at me and just nodded. Then, they went out and did it."

"There's nothing that gives me more pleasure. I'd rather win a Nations' Cup somewhere or Pan Am Games with a team than win a \$100,000 Grand Prix. It's really not about the money. It's riding for Canada that drives me. When you've got your hat off and you're saluting the flag and they're playing O Canada, that's the real deal right there."

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At 61, Ian Millar remains among the top show jumpers in the world.

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U.S. coach Graham banned for life

ATHLETICS Former elite athletics coach Trevor Graham has been banned for life for violating anti-doping rules, the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency said.

The former trainer of disgraced sprinters Marion Jones, Tim Montgomery and Justin Gatlin, Graham is banned from coaching or participating in any competition or activity organized by the U.S. Olympic Committee, USA Track & Field, the International Association of Athletics Federations and other worldwide bodies, USADA said in a statement.

Stop meddling, manager told

ATHLETICS Ethiopia's athletics federation told the manager of twice Olympic 10,000 metres champion Haile Gebrselassie to stop "meddling" amid confusion over whether he will run in Beijing. "Unless he stops meddling... he may be banned from managing any Ethiopian athlete in future," said the Ethiopian Athletic Federation's technical manager Dube Jillo.

Messi expected to join Argentina

SOCCER Argentina is confident Lionel Messi will take part at the Games despite reported opposition from his club Barcelona.

Olympic team coach Sergio Batista said FIFA rules were on his side and he expected Messi to join the squad in one week's time as planned.

Gymnast Hamm joins men's team

GYMNASTICS Gymnast Morgan Hamm has been confirmed as a member of the U.S. men's team despite receiving a public warning from the United States Anti-Doping Agency. **REUTERS**

Tomorrow's lineup

CITY UNDER SIEGE Is the Olympic party over even before it begins? With every passing day, Beijing is slowly going into lockdown. Read tomorrow's Metro for more.

21 days remain until the official start of the 2008 Summer Olympic Games in Beijing.

Facts

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HOMETOWN: Perth, Ont.
BORN: Jan. 6, 1947
HEIGHT: 6'2"
WEIGHT: 175 lbs.

Comeback keeps Olympic basketball hopes alive



Officials say they booted starting centre Samuel Dalembert from Canada's basketball team.

BASKETBALL Coming off one of its more stirring comeback victories in recent history and still clinging to a chance to qualify for the Beijing Olympics, the Canadian men's senior team faces a stern task, having dismissed one of its top players from the squad.

Even before a dramatic 79-77 comeback victory over Korea yesterday morning, rallying from 18 points down in the second half, team officials had booted starting centre Samuel Dalembert from the squad.

"He's not on the team," head coach Leo Rautins

U-18 team qualifies

At least one Canadian men's basketball team will be playing on a world stage next year.

The national under-18 team has assured itself a spot in the under-19 world championships next year in New Zealand after two wins at a qualification tournament this week in Argentina. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

said in a conference call.

The Philadelphia 76ers centre was held up as a shining example of commitment to the Canadian team after earning his citizenship last summer and Rautins was non-committal when asked for a specific reason Dalembert is no longer on the roster.

"Something like this just doesn't happen in one game or overnight, it's been brewing for a little bit," the coach said. "Everybody that's here now wants to be here and wants to part of this team."

Dalembert had played poorly in Canada's opening-game loss to Slovenia

but there was no hint his tenure with the team was in danger. But even his teammates feel the squad is now better off.

"You're representing Canada here," said Rowan Barrett, who contributed one of the biggest shots of the game in yesterday's victory.

"This is not the NBA, this is not the CIS ... this is FIBA basketball and the team dynamic is not the same."

Without Dalembert, Canada recorded a stirring victory over Korea that propelled it into a sudden-death quarter-final with Croatia tomorrow.

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The Atlanta Thrashers have agreed to terms with restricted free agent goaltender Kari Lehtonen. Lehtonen, 24, went 17-22-5 with four shutouts, a 2.90 goals-against average and a .916 save percentage in 48 games with Atlanta last season. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Sports

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Oilers give Horcoff security

The Edmonton Oilers signed centre Shawn Horcoff, left, to a six-year contract extension yesterday. The 29-year-old native of Trail, B.C., was Edmonton's second-leading scorer this past season, compiling 21 goals and 29 assists in 53 games before undergoing shoulder surgery.

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No Tiger, no problem

Contenders not too upset world No. 1 missing from British Open field

The British Open will enter unusual territory in today's opening round when a major championship takes place without Tiger Woods for the first time in more than a decade.

The American world No. 1 has been sidelined for the rest of this year while he recovers from reconstructive knee surgery, opening the door for players such as Ernie Els and Sergio Garcia.

Woods has triumphed six times in the last 14 majors, a remarkable record in a game renowned for its fickle nature, and his absence from any tournament clearly opens up the field.

Midway through last month British bookmakers William Hill listed him as a 5-2 chance to win the Open. After Woods ended his playing schedule for the year,



Adam Scott of Australia signs autographs during the final day of practice yesterday ahead of the British Open at Royal Birkdale in Southport, England.

Els and Garcia were installed as joint favourites at 12-1.

A triple champion at the Open, Woods will be sorely missed at Royal Birkdale but Els and his rivals plan to take full advantage.

"I'm not overly disappointed he's not here," a smiling Els told reporters in the build-up to the third major of the season.

"For the tournament it

self, it's a big blow, and for world golf, not to have the number one player playing, it's very different. You've got to talk about a lot more other players.

"I think he is so far ahead in the race we've kind of sagged back a little bit. Phil (Mickelson) still is the true No. 2 in the world."

Woods has not missed a major since the 1996 U.S. PGA Championship.

"This week there are quite a lot of players in the mix to stake a claim to be a favourite," added South African Els, British Open champion at Muirfield in 2002.

"For once I think everybody can be very excited." Garcia, beaten by Irishman Padraig Harrington in a playoff in last year's Open at Carnoustie, shrugged off his billing as a Birkdale

favourite.

"It doesn't feel any different," said the 28-year-old Spaniard who has posted six top-10 finishes in his last seven Open starts. "At the end of the day I know I've got to be favourite myself, in me."

While Garcia and Els head the list of challengers, Americans Jim Furyk and Stewart Cink, Australians Adam Scott and Geoff Ogilvy and British duo Lee Westwood and Justin Rose are also potential contenders.

Birkdale, hosting the Open for a ninth time, is regarded as one of the fairest courses on the championship rota. The par-70 layout threads its way through valleys in between sand dunes, resulting in fairways that generally offer flat lies.

Uppermost in the mind of the players, however, will be the weather with strong winds of more than 50 km/h forecast for the opening round.

"It should be a tough day tomorrow," American world No. 8 Steve Stricker said yesterday. "The wind velocity is what's most challenging and I've seen it differ in strength in the four days I've practised." **REUTERS**

Murray to coach Kings: Report

NHL The Los Angeles Kings have reportedly settled on Terry Murray to fill their coaching vacancy.

The Los Angeles Times reports that, barring a last-second veto by any of the club's owners, the Kings will give their coaching job to Murray, who was an assistant coach with the Philadelphia Flyers last season.

Murray, 57, has been a head coach for the Washington Capitals, Flyers, and the Florida Panthers.

New Clemens evidence found

MLB Convicted steroids supplier Kirk Radomski has given documentary evidence to the government showing that he shipped drugs to the Texas home of Roger Clemens, according to a report in the New York Daily News.

Clemens, a seven-time Cy Young Award winner, is under investigation by the federal government for perjury.

Tour marred by doping again

CYCLING The Tour de France was hit by doping again yesterday when Moises Duenas Nevado of the Barloworld team became the second Spaniard to test positive for the blood-booster erythropoietin (EPO). Nevado has been kicked out of the race.

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Favre saga rolls on with tampering charge

NFL The Brett Favre retirement story continues to make interesting news with two developments yesterday, including a tampering claim.

Fox Sports reports Green Bay filed tampering charges with the NFL against the Minnesota Vikings for alleged communication with the future Hall of Fame quarterback, even though Favre's still a member of the Packers. The network re-

ports Favre had inappropriate dialogue with Vikings offensive coordinator Darrell Bevell, a former assistant coach with the Packers and a close friend of Favre's.

If the Vikings are found guilty of tampering by the league, they could be fined or lose draft picks.



Favre

lose draft picks.

Fox reports the NFL is currently in the "information-gathering mode" about the allegations.

Also yesterday, Favre's agent, Bus Cook, told ESPN that as of this point there were "no definite plans for reinstatement." Cook also told the cable network that the 38-year-old Favre has made it pretty clear "he is not willing to come in as a backup" to Aaron Rodgers.

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Sports in brief

NBA The Toronto Raptors signed point guard Roko Ukic to a three-year contract yesterday. The 22-year-old Ukic was a second-round pick in the 2005 NBA draft.

SOCCER Former United States captain Claudio Reyna announced his retirement yesterday after struggling with injuries in Major League Soccer this season. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Find the focal point

Arresting Design

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The dark wood of the canopy bed contrasting against the white walls make this bed a nice focal point for the room.

One of the basic rules of interior design is to choose ONE main focal point in any room. Not two or three, because this causes visual confusion. And not having a focal point is just as bad — the room lacks any visual interest as a result. But there are many people not aware of this rule, judging from what we have seen.

A room looks much better with one clearly defined focal point. To have a focal point in a room means that the eye automatically travels to that place in the room first — and then moves to other less prominent places of interest. Choose less dramatic pieces as mini focal points — they may be smaller, or when balancing items of the same scale in a room, they must simply be less "out there" compared to the focal piece.

The main focal point can be a large-scale architectural feature, such as a dramatic arch, a fireplace, a staircase, or a large picture frame window with a great view. If the room has no natural focus, you can make one with a dramatic painting, sculpture, or a large and beautiful piece of

furniture, such as a china cabinet. You may also create a focus by treating one wall of a room differently than the others — painting it a bright colour, or using a patterned wallpaper on one wall, for example.

In bedrooms, the focal point is often the bed, and here, beautiful bed coverings that coordinate with the rest of the room are a must. You can accentuate this strong feature by adding a dramatic headboard, or mounting a commanding painting on the wall over the headboard.

A successful dining room design does not usually focus on the dining table, but instead on a buffet and

an arresting painting above it, or a mirror, or a series of framed artwork. The focal point in a dining room can also be temporary — as simple as a bright and dramatic vase of flowers on the table. Just remember to reconsider your focal point when your flowers are gone.

A living room focus is often a fireplace, or a large painting or mirror mounted above a sofa — usually on the longest wall in the room. If you have both, play up one and make the other more subtle so there is no confusion about which is the main focus.

The fireplace usually has art above the mantel, and accessories should be simple and uncluttered. Leave the walls on either side of the fireplace free of art so the fireplace as the focus of the room is undisputed. A television should not be a focal point in a living room (design crime!) — please keep it in a less prominent position.

After you define the focal point of your room, orient the furniture and other décor in such a way that they accent or "point" to the focus.



Fireplaces are an easy focal point for a living room.

Tammy Schnurr and Jeffrey Fisher are hosts of Arresting Design on W Network.

Separating contenders from pretenders

The most common thing people do when they want to get organized is to go shopping for a variety of "organizational aids." Some items are useful and others not as we all learn. The variety is endless, making it difficult to pick the right item.

As a result, many "Organized wannabes" end up with under-utilized bins, baskets, shelving and a wack of how-to-organize magazines. I have seen first hand organizing mistakes stored needlessly; if they don't work, you can bet they never will. Get rid of them and enjoy the new found space. The truth is most people buy on emotion.

OrganizedZone

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I have tested so many products over the years and I am glad to extend my knowledge of what works and what I find ridiculous.

The funniest "time saver" I saw was the Tim Horton's, automatic roll up the rim device, only \$2.88, Wal-Mart.

The premise of the Vacuum Seal Bags, "as seen on tv," is you can minimize a ton of clothes or linens by

vacuuming all excess air.

However the problems seep in just as the air does. For the few bags that actually stay sealed, be prepared to iron, as everything gets wrinkled. Plastic totes are great for storage provided that they are:

- Clear or clearly labelled
- Have the ability to stack or fit neatly on a shelf
- Seal completely

I recommend a particular clear tote available at Home Depot. It has a red or black attached lid that easily folds into a flat surface. They are stackable, sturdy and reasonable priced about \$9.

Brenda Borenstein is your professional organizing guru. Look for her column every second Thursday.



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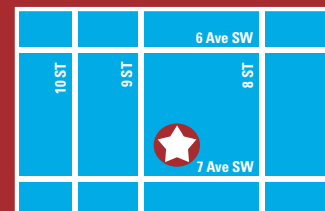
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How to store herbs: Just clip, rinse well and use. If buying a bunch, wrap stems in a damp paper towel or place stems in glass of water, loosely covered with a plastic bag and refrigerate. Herbs retain more flavour if left on stems until needed. Having your own herb garden means clipping 'just in time'. Just before using, rinse under running water and dry on paper towel. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Food

"Sturdier herbs such as rosemary and thyme keep longer than soft leaf herbs — basil, chervil, marjoram, dill, chives, tarragon and cilantro."

—Barb Holland/for Metro Calgary



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À la carte

Barb Holland

Metro Food Writer

I'm the first to admit I'm somewhat gardening challenged (it's the weeding I dislike), but I do grow a few tomato plants, a rhubarb plant that grows itself and pots and pots of herbs. It's such a pleasure to nip just the amount you need to toss in salads, vegetables, sauces ... and much more. Just be sure to clip your herbs just before using and use often:

- Add fresh herbs to salads, toss some chive flowers in the mix for a surprise.
- Put sprigs of herbs — thyme, rosemary or sage on the grill of preheated barbecue, then place a boneless chicken breast, pork chop or fish steak or filet directly on the herb to infuse a smoky herb flavour. Place herb sprigs under the skin of chicken or turkey before roasting or grilling.
- Use sturdy rosemary sprigs as skewers when grilling baby potatoes, vegetables or pieces of fish. Use a metal or bamboo skewer to pierce ingredients, then insert the rose-

mary through the holes made by skewer.

- Try lemon thyme in potato or pasta salads, mashed potatoes or with fish.
- Pair tarragon with fish, particularly salmon, and add to salads, scrambled eggs, herb butters or sauces.
- Mint is a classic with new potatoes and lamb, green peas and beans, fruit salads and iced tea.
- Oregano is wonderful with lamb, fish and vegetable dishes and salads.
- A tradition in stuffing, try sage with winter squash, on pizzas and with pork and chicken.
- Try dill in bread, sauces and egg dishes, with potatoes, fish, seafood and lamb. Toss in coleslaw, potato salad, or blend with cream cheese to serve with smoked salmon or trout.

Classic Pesto

Pesto is not limited to basil. Try cilantro, parsley, mint, marjoram or arugula. If you have a bumper herb crop, make pesto and freeze some of it. Ice cube trays are handy as you can pop out a cube or two as needed. Once frozen, pop pesto cubes into a freezer bag and use within 6 months. Aside from top-



Picked fresh from the garden, fresh herbs say summer in a big way. As for pesto, right, you can use it in countless dishes.

ping pizza or tossing with pasta, use to flavour cooked vegetables, stir into soups, stews or sauces. Top grilled fish, chicken or pork with pesto before cooking or spoon into mashed potatoes or on baked potatoes. Stir into cream cheese for a quick spread or into a yogurt or sour cream and mayonnaise mixture for a dip. Spread pesto on grilled bread before adding chopped tomatoes for a zesty bruschetta. Stir into egg mixture before scrambling or making frittatas or omelettes.

INGREDIENTS:

- 1-1/2 cups (375 mL) cups loosely packed fresh basil leaves
- 1/4 cup (60 mL) flat leaf parsley leaves
- 1/4 cup (60 mL) pine nuts, lightly toasted
- 2 cloves garlic, roughly chopped
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) freshly grated good quality Parmesan cheese
- 1/3 cup (75 mL) extra virgin olive oil
- Salt and pepper

METHOD:

Combine and whirl basil, parsley, pine nuts and garlic in food proces-



sor or blender until chopped. Add cheese; gradually pour in oil, processing until smooth. Season to taste with salt and pepper. Transfer to a small bowl and cover with plastic wrap, pressing plastic

wrap on surface to prevent browning. Use within a week, or freeze. Makes about 1 cup (250 mL).

Barb Holland is a professional home economist and food writer who believes in shopping locally and in season.

Popsicles all grown up

Pops! Icy Treats for Everyone introduces a whole new Popsicle — cool treats today's grown-up kids will be proud to serve. Author Krystina Castella is a writer, industrial designer, and faculty member at the Art Center College of Design in Pasadena, California. Quirk Books gave Metro a recipe for these refreshing, fruity treats:

Blueberry Cheesecake Pops

These pops are based on my all-time favourite rendition of my classic no-bake cheesecake recipe. Silicone moulds or paper cups are the best moulds for these pops. Makes six 8-ounce pops or eight 6-ounce pops.

INGREDIENTS:

Blueberry Topping:
3/4 cup blueberries

- 1 1/2 tablespoons cornstarch, sifted
- 2 teaspoons fresh lemon juice
- 1/4 cup sugar
- Cheesecake:**
- 8 ounces cream cheese
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 1 cup heavy cream
- 2 tablespoons pure vanilla extract
- 2 cups blueberries
- Crust:**
- 10 graham crackers
- 6 tablespoons sugar
- 4 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted

METHOD:

To make the topping: In a saucepan, combine the blueberries, 3/4 cup water, the cornstarch, lemon juice, and sugar and cook over low heat, stirring, for 5 minutes. Remove from the heat and let the topping stand to thicken. Set

aside.

To make the cheesecake: In a bowl, beat the cream cheese, sugar, and sour cream together until blended.

In a separate bowl, whip the cream and vanilla extract until the cream just starts to thicken, 1 to 2 minutes. Add the cream cheese mixture and beat for 30 seconds. Gently stir in the blueberries. Set aside.

To make the crust: In a food processor or blender, grind the graham crackers into crumbs. Add the sugar and process until combined. Transfer to a bowl and add the butter and 3 tablespoons water, stirring until sticky. Refrigerate until needed.

Pour the topping into each mould until it is one



These pops are based on Krystina Castella's all-time favourite rendition of her classic no-bake cheesecake recipe. Pops! Icy Treats for Everyone, inset, is available at Amazon.ca for \$33.10.

quarter full. Freeze for 2 hours.

Pour the cheesecake mixture into each mould, leaving 1/2 inch at the top of each mould for the crust. Insert the stick. Freeze for 3 hours.

Press the crust into the pop moulds. If the crust is

not sticking together, add more water. Freeze for at least 4 hours.

Remove from the freezer; let stand at room temperature for 5 minutes before removing the pops from the moulds.

ALT POPS!

Strawberry Cheesecake

Pops: Replace the blueberries with sliced strawberries. Chocolate Cheesecake Pops: Replace the graham crackers with chocolate cookies and shaved chocolate. Replace the blueberries with chocolate chips and 1/2 cup chocolate fudge sauce.

Rolling Stone enters rehab

Rolling Stones guitarist Ron Wood has entered rehab for a drinking problem, his spokeswoman said yesterday.

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Entertainment



Jimi's guitar

One of Jimi Hendrix's favourite guitars, set on fire on a London stage more than 40 years ago and thought to have been lost, is to be auctioned later this year.

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Whole lotta Zzzzs

Zeppelin reunion talk puts Robert Plant to sleep

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Expect more work from Robert Plant and Alison Krauss, but forget about a Led Zeppelin reunion tour anytime soon; it puts Plant to sleep.

During a press conference at the Molson Amphitheatre in Toronto this week where the shaggy-haired rock front man and country singer Alison Krauss were presented with platinum awards for their Grammy-winning collaboration Raising Sand, a reporter asked Plant to address rumours of reuniting with his ex-band mates following a one-off benefit concert in London late last year. Guitarist Jimmy Page stoked speculation in January, saying he's willing to participate.

Plant responded to the question by putting his head down, churning out a couple of snores and wailing, "Wake me up when she's gone."

It's evident that the exasperated Plant — who turns 60 in August — has had the biscuit with answering questions about his alma mater and would rather speak to the work of his golden years — being the success of the album and its subsequent tour that has been extended by nine dates. Plant says he jumped

Raising Sand

Robert Plant and Alison Krauss' Raising Sand debuted at No. 2 on the Billboard 200 chart in October 2007. The single Gone Gone (Done Moved On) won the Grammy Award this year for Best Pop Collaboration with Vocals.

on to broaden his musical horizons.

"I'm just trying to develop taste before it's too late," quipped Plant while sitting next to Krauss. "These people have been very patient because if you get the wrong impression of me, it could be terribly wrong. I was a

cock-rocker, but now I'm saved. Sorry, Alison."

The project was in part the brainchild of producer and leader of Plant's and Krauss' backup band T-Bone Burnett — fusing a bluegrass icon with a rock legend and seeing what would transpire.



"We were just thrilled with the reaction. We're very happy about it, and yeah, we're talking about continuing working."

Alison Krauss

Raising Sand has sold more than 1 million copies in the U.S. and more than 100,000 copies in Canada, a triumph in an age of digital downloading and piracy that neither Plant, Krauss, nor Burnett saw coming, but are hoping to repeat. Krauss confirmed that she and Plant are currently hashing out plans for a second release.

"We were interested in pleasing ourselves, and that's what happened," said Krauss. "We were just thrilled with the reaction. We're very happy about it, and yeah, we're talking about continuing working."

The unlikely pairing of Alison Krauss, left, and Robert Plant has been a surprising success. The duo's album Raising Sand has sold 100,000 copies in Canada.

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Ideas for heating up your summer

We haven't had a proper summer yet. And at this late in the season, we probably won't have one. All the more reason to revel in the 20 minutes of sunshine we'll experience this year.

Here are some suggestions to heat up your summer. Or at least give the kiddies something to write about in their "What I Did on My Summer Vacation" essays this September, assuming teachers still do that.

Fire up your palette by braving some Super Crazy Insane Psycho Ultra-Tasty Hot Salsa in Kensington this weekend. That's just one of 40 original recipes available during the Sun and Salsa Festival on Sunday.

K-town's BRZ holds the annual festival to raise money for charity. The salsa itself is actually free. It's the chips (to scoop your samples) that'll cost you a \$3 donation.

Of course, spicy diced tomatoes aren't the only draw. Bring the whole family down for the kid's carnival, three music stages and Bugs Bunny movies at the Plaza Theatre.

There are also other ways to attract some hot stuff this weekend. Calgary's Latin community hosts Fiestaval at Canada Olympic Park starting at noon each day. This free event serves up a taste of vibrant Latin American culture, including a local



Spanish rock act called Ultimo Pecado, several dance troupes and plenty tamales of the edible kind. What's so hot about that? Those of you who've danced the salsa need not ask. Shimmy your way to fiestaval.ca for details.

And if you simply need a summer get-away, try camp...for women. The Souls Enhanced Diva Summer Camp runs next week on July 22 and 23.

Held at the Centre for Positive Living on 17th St. SE, this retreat is for moms, professionals or any combination of the two. "I want women to find balance and harmony," says organizer Julie Gies.

Tickets are available at soulsenhanced.com. And should you need a reason to consider this hot ticket, check out keynote speaker Wayne Lee. If he were eye candy, he'd be Red Hots.

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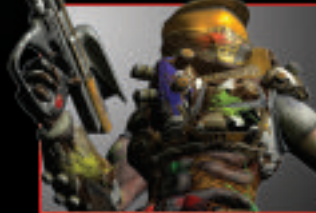
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Fox News Channel anchor Brit Hume will take a reduced role at the network following the elections. Hume won't retire completely but will no longer be Fox News' Washington managing editor nor anchor of the 6 p.m. newscast Special Report. **REUTERS**

Will Leno get new home on network?

TAKING IT ON THE CHIN: Last week, Jay Leno made a very jabbing gag at NBC, his network home, by joking about the prophetic nature of a fake newspaper headline referring to his new show on ABC. As open secrets go, ABC's courting of Leno is up there with Liberace being gay, with the major difference being that no one was trying to replace Liberace with George Michael.

As we all know, Leno is being eased out from behind the desk on the Tonight Show so that Conan O'Brien can move west and goose up the youth demographic on the show — or at least that's the theory from the folks in marketing. "I can't believe that they're going to let this guy go at the top of his game," ABC entertainment president Steve McPherson said about Leno to a crowd of journalists at the TV Critics Association summer press tour yesterday, underlining his interest in giving Leno a new home on his network.

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To dispel rumours that giving Leno a deal would put Jimmy Kimmel's nose out of joint, ABC had Kimmel infiltrate the ranks of the press at the tour, pretending to be a reporter from Syracuse, N.Y., and the newly single chat show host "peppered" McPherson with questions about Leno, and whether a certain talk show host currently employed by the network would be angry about sharing the spotlight.

According to a story in TV Week, McPherson said Kimmel "was going to be an asset for us for many years to come." Broadcasting & Cable magazine had McPherson adding, "I can't say enough about Jimmy, his show just exploded this year."



Leno is being eased out of the Tonight Show so that Conan O'Brien can move west and attract a younger demographic.

If you're wondering why two big networks are giving each other the hairy eyeball while making a big show about the value of a talk show host holding a pink slip, you have to remember that late night talk, like "event" reality TV shows, such as *Idol* or *So You Think You Can Dance*, are the last two remaining non-news programming that networks

can rely on to draw viewers to the TV either at the time they air or very shortly after they've TiVo'd the show.

As a very scary new world of season-free, on-demand, downloaded TV content teasingly dawns, the networks are desperate to cling to a business model they understand, and a tug of war over a second-rate stand-up comic is just

"If there were a score of Lenos to keep viewers glued to their tubes on a clockwork schedule, the network future would be bright."

the sort of thing to distract them from the very pressing business at hand, for which they're both ill-prepared and essentially unprepared. If there were a score of Lenos to keep viewers glued to their tubes on a clockwork schedule, the network future would be bright, but right about now it's more like the opening scene of *The Wizard of Oz*, all ominous, sunless skies and brewing twisters on the horizon, and they'll be getting scant comfort from pretending Leno is homecoming queen.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.



Michael J. Fox.

Fox to guest star on Rescue Me

TELEVISION Actor Michael J. Fox, semi-retired from show business due to Parkinson's disease, will return to television next spring as a guest star on the firefighting drama *Rescue Me*, the FX cable network said Tuesday.

Fox, 47, will portray the wheelchair-bound boyfriend of the ex-wife of the show's lead character, New York City firefighter Tommy Gavin, played by Denis Leary, said FX spokesman John Solberg.

Canadian-born Fox has signed on to appear in four episodes of the upcoming fifth season, starting with a premiere episode in the spring.

"It's terrific news, he's a phenomenal actor," Solberg said. "He and Denis have been friends for a long time and it's a great fit and should be very funny as well." **REUTERS**

Katie Holmes to guest on Eli Stone

TV RETURN Actress Katie Holmes will make a guest appearance on ABC's critically acclaimed *Eli Stone* this season, returning to U.S. network television in a role that will feature her singing and dancing, network executives said on Wednesday.

Holmes, 29, who is married to film star Tom Cruise, is due to shoot the guest spot before she makes her Broadway debut this fall in a revival of Arthur Miller's *All My Sons*, alongside Dianne Wiest and John Lithgow.

ABC Entertainment President Stephen McPherson, speaking to a gathering of reporters, said Holmes had wanted to reunite with *Eli Stone* executive producer Greg Berlanti, with whom she worked on Dawson's Creek, the TV teen drama that made Holmes famous in the late 1990s. **REUTERS**

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MythBusters

"Like shooting fish in a barrel" implies that something is incredibly easy — like having a barrel packed to the gills (pun intended) with fish, making it impossible to miss hitting one if you fired a weapon into it. But Jamie and Adam think the saying means it's easy for a bullet to cut through water and enter Mr. Fishy's body. To that end, they shoot at a dead fish resting in a barrel that's mostly empty. 3 PM on DISC



Golf

There's still a regal presence at the British Open, even if the king of the golf world is missing. The famous spectator-friendly, sand dune-marked layout of Royal Birkdale in northwest England is, for the ninth time, the host course, where Sergio Garcia, Stewart Cink, Phil Mickelson and defending champion Padraig Harrington won't have to look over their shoulders at Tiger Woods, who will miss his first major as a pro because of knee surgery. 12:30 PM on TSN

The Triangle

A billionaire (Sam Neill) who's lost many ships in the Bermuda Triangle assembles a team of experts to investigate the mystery in this three-part miniseries. They include an oceanographer, a meteorologist, a psychic and a tabloid journalist (Catherine Bell, Michael Rodgers, Bruce Davison, Eric Stoltz). Not on the team but a big help to the investigation is a survivor (Lou Diamond Phillips) of a Triangle disaster who hasn't been right since. 7 PM on SPACE

Swingtown

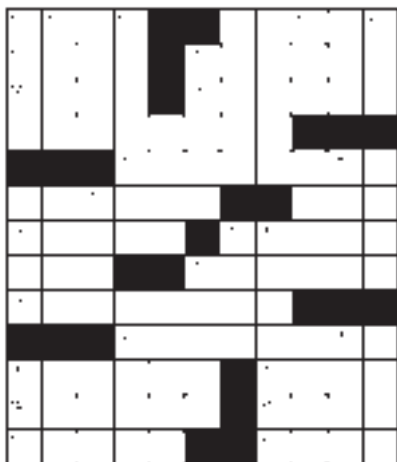
Dude. If you've cheated on your wife, you do not make plans without consulting her. In this new episode, Tom (Grant Show) throws a pool party but neglects to bring it up with Trina (Lana Parrilla), who's still unhappy about his affair. An unemployed Roger (Josh Hopkins) seeks counsel from Susan (Molly Parker),

Director Terry Gilliam has slammed the promotional campaign for the new Batman movie — insisting movie bosses are using Heath Ledger's tragic death to generate publicity for the movie.

IMDb



Take Five



Crossword across

- 1 Sax sort
5 Poet Nash
10 Vatican surrounder
11 Place of worship
12 Incite
13 Bob, for one
14 Bear or human
16 Sleeveless garment
20 Harmonize
23 Calendar box
24 Tenant's paper
25 Privet
27 Far from friendly
28 Eye parts
29 Friend of Alvin and Simon

- 32 Spreading tree
36 Got smaller
39 Lab aide of film
40 Pictures
41 "Born Free" lion
42 Stadium tops
43 Spots

Crossword down

- 1 Jason's ship
2 Weaving need
3 Eliot Ness, for one
4 Jocasta's son
5 "Butterfield 8" writer
6 Deep sorrow
7 Compass pt.
8 Conclusion
9 "The Matrix" hero
11 Was bright
15 Wall climber
17 Casino figure
18 Latest fad
19 Peer group?
20 Stepped down
21 Computer pro
22 Digs of "Private Practice"

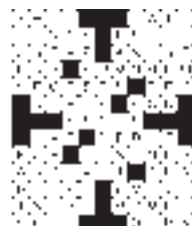
- 25 Zeus's wife
26 Foes
28 Canal parts
30 Missouri river
31 Force units
33 Eyeball
34 Romantic flower
35 Historic times
36 "Ice Age" sloth
37 Rx payer
38 Farm butter

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previous day's answer



Horoscopes

AVATAR VENUS

ARIES

MARCH 21-APRIL 20

Reinforce a friendship with fairness. Play by the rules and don't stress out on winning. A control freak will throw a tantrum.

TAURUS

APRIL 21-MAY 21

Your powers of endurance will come in handy. A meeting sparkles with excitement. Show leadership to please a partner.

GEMINI

MAY 22-JUNE 21

The breaking point is reached in a relationship. Decreasing restrictions is a good idea. Someone who needs help will cause a delay.

CANCER

JUNE 22-JULY 22

Don't interfere in a stranger's argument. Surprise others with your enthusiasm. A man will try to hinder your plans.

LEO

JULY 23-AUG 23

You'll laugh when you see a quirk of fate. An old-fashioned guy clears up bad conditions. A self-sacrificing trip must be taken soon.

VIRGO

AUG 24-SEPT 22

A kinky onlooker will provide some sensible advice. A neighbour can be generous. Very strange things are afoot.

LIBRA

SEPT 23-OCT 23

Ask for some time off to get something done. A dramatic situation is made zesty by a heart-to-heart chat. A spirited adversary is attentive.

SCORPIO

OCT 24-NOV 22

Sneaky behaviour is replaced with uncertainty. A power struggle is amusing. A problem with a lovely chat gives you a great idea.

SAGITTARIUS

NOV 23-DEC 21

Someone wants you to create mayhem. A bully's antagonism can be overcome. A manager is bizarre and wacky.

CAPRICORN

DEC 22-JAN 20

Think twice before taking a chance with good advice. Your plans need fine-tuning. A relative will keep a secret.

AQUARIUS

JAN 21-FEB 18

Good luck will come before you know it. A revelation is found after taking a chance. A friend wants to do something special.

PISCES

FEB 19-MAR 20

Refuse to watch a suspenseful film. A higher-ranking person will be responsible for a predicament. There's an urgency to build bridges.

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This day in history

- JULY 17, 1682: Catherine II becomes tsar of Russia upon the accidental murder of Peter III of Russia.
JULY 17, 1791: Members of the French National guard under the command of General Lafayette open fire on a crowd of radical Jacobins at the Champ de Mars, Paris, during the French Revolution, killing as many as 50 people.
JULY 17, 1944: In World War II napalm incendiary bombs were dropped for the first time by American P-38 pilots on a fuel depot at Coutances, near St. Lô, France.
JULY 17, 1962: The "Small Boy" test shot Little Feller I becomes the last atmospheric nuclear test detonation at the Nevada Test Site.

Sudoku

INSTRUCTIONS:

The digits 1 through 9 will appear exactly once in each row, each column, and each zone. (A zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine of these zones in the puzzle.) Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same 3x3 zone, or in the same row across the puzzle, or column down the puzzle.

SOLVE TIME IN MINUTES:

Under 13 Genius
13-17 Scholar
17-21 Smart

previous day's answer

9	8	4	2	3	5	1	6	7
7	2	3	6	1	9	5	8	4
1	6	5	7	4	8	2	9	3
6	7	2	3	9	4	8	5	1
8	3	9	1	5	7	6	4	2
4	5	1	8	6	2	7	3	9
2	4	7	5	8	3	9	1	6
5	9	6	4	2	1	3	7	8
3	1	8	9	7	6	4	2	5

21-25 Not bad
25+ Keep practicing

Calgary weather

Afternoon



Showers.
22°

Tonight



Clear.
Low 9°

Friday



Partly cloudy.
23° / 8°

Saturday



Sunny.
24° / 10°



Sunny.
27° / 12°

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Low: 9.1°

Records
High: 34.4°/1919
Low: 3°/1999

Sunrise: 5:41 a.m.
Sunset: 9:42 p.m.
Moonset: 4:36 a.m.
Moonrise: 9:47 p.m.

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Morgan Freeman feared for James McAvoy's health on the set of their movie *Wanted*, after witnessing his co-star pushing himself to the limit. McAvoy was required to slave four nights a week in the gym to transform his physique. IMDB.COM

Celebrity Buzz

Weight gain was for role, says Longoria

RUMOURS Eva Longoria Parker has laughed off rumours she is pregnant, insisting her recent weight gain is for her role in TV series *Desperate Housewives*.

The actress claims her new bob-style haircut and slightly fuller figure are a reflection of changes in the life of her on-screen character Gabrielle Solis, who becomes a mother-of-two in the forthcoming

fifth season.

The star's representative, Liza Anderson, tells *People.com*, "She's a worn out mother with two kids. And even that (the weight gain) was not enough. She's also wearing butt pads and a stomach pad to play the part."

Longoria Parker, 33, has been dodging rumours she is expecting her first child after she was photographed in a bikini with an apparent baby bump while on a European vacation last week.

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Alba talks of zen-like birth

BIRTH New mom Jessica Alba refused to make a sound during the birth of her newborn daughter — because she wanted the experience to be like a "meditation," *imdb.com* reports. The 27-year-old star gave birth to daughter Honor Marie — her first child with husband Cash Warren — last month. And Alba is convinced a quiet delivery room was the key to avoiding her labour pains.

She says, "I didn't scream. It was really Zen. I wanted to do it naturally. The labour was more like meditation. I did yoga breathing. I was focused."

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Kenneth Cole wins career prize

SHOES Designer Kenneth Cole's plan to sell shoes from the back of a truck has earned him the top spot in a Greatest Career Moves poll for *Best Life* magazine. Cole told New York city officials he was shooting a movie and they gave him permission to park his 'production vehicle' outside a major trade show. The clever move led to Cole selling a truckload of shoes and put him on the map as a top designer.

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Mendes happy with low-profile stint in rehab

HELP Hollywood actress Eva Mendes has praised the world's press for not "trashing" her over a recent stint in rehab, *imdb.com* reports. The 30-year-old entered Utah's Cirque Lodge centre in February.

And although Mendes has refused to confirm exactly why she needed professional help, she is pleased by the lack of negative stories about the incident.

She says, "Actually, the media has been pretty nice to me. They've really trashed some people, so I'm actually thankful that it didn't get too crazy." **METRO NEWS SERVICES**



Moss says she's not in it for money

MODELLING Kate Moss has denied her career is motivated by money — insisting she has not stayed in the modelling business for the multi-million dollar contracts, *imdb.com* reports. The British beauty has a number of lucrative deals with companies including fashion house Yves Saint Laurent and cosmetics giant Rimmel. She also designs fashion collections for British high street chain Topshop. But Moss is adamant that she still enjoys life as a model — because she loves being in front of the camera. She says, "I like making money, but I don't call people up every day to see how much I've made. As long as I have what I need at the time; I mean, I can buy the house that I want. I am not completely money-oriented." **METRO NEWS SERVICES**



ZERO DEGREES OF SEPARATION

between you and the red carpet



Beckinsale feared L.A. infection

Michael Sheen six years ago — and was worried that her English looks would set her apart from other actresses.

She tells British newspaper the Daily Express, "I was very fright-

and daughter she didn't foresee the domestic bliss she now enjoys.

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Instead, his mommy, Lourdes, and his new best friends, Guy Oseary and Ingrid Casares, were by his side in a corner booth as he threw back shots. And Casares was then spotted leaving A-Rod's Park Avenue pad yesterday afternoon. Reps from Berk Communications, who'd slapped Madonna's name on their tip sheet for the event, kept insisting she was on her way, but she never showed. Instead, A-Rod was entertained by big-busted hotties who shimmed to Material Girl tunes and desperately tried to make eye contact with him.

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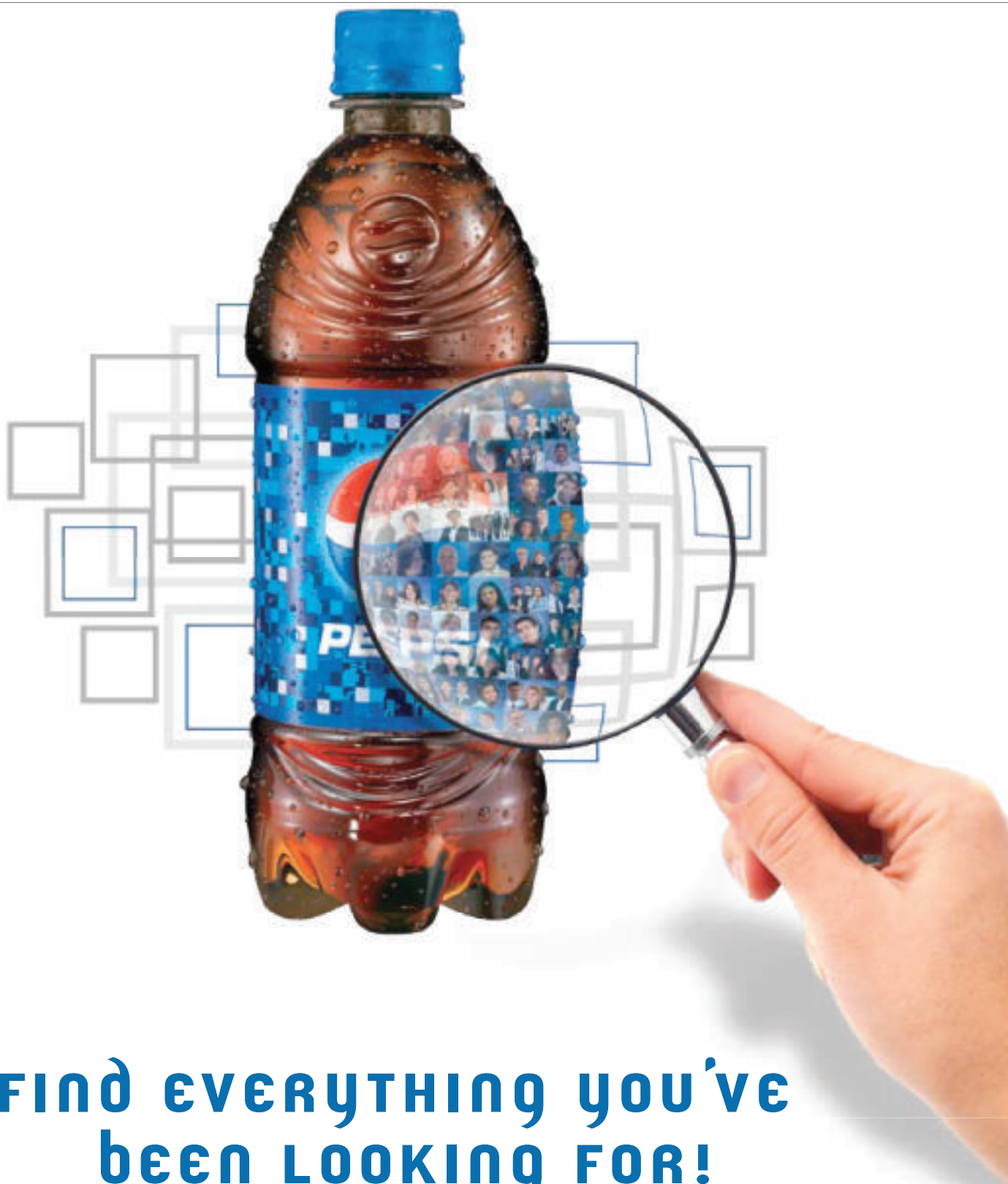
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